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SUBJECT: U.S.-SACU TRADE PROMOTION ROUNDTABLE: SUGGESTED INVITEES
FROM LESOTHO

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Post suggests the following individuals as potential sponsored delegates to the subject roundtable in Atlanta. This information has also been e-mailed directly to Ms. Wilkes at BCIU.

[1](#)A. Mr. Koena Phafane, Managing Director, Khalapa Consultants
Mr. Phafane runs a consulting company that assists clients with project appraisal and compilation of business plans. He is the Deputy President of the Lesotho Chamber of Commerce and Industry responsible for International Affairs. He is a former civil servant, and has worked as Principal Secretary for Trade and as Managing Director of the Basotho Enterprises Development Corporation.

[1](#)B. Miss Lindiwe Sephomolo, Legal Advisor, Association of Lesotho Employers
Miss Sephomolo is the Deputy Executive Director of the Association of Lesotho Employers and a lawyer by profession. The association assists its members with services including license procurement, legal representation and wage negotiations.

[1](#)C. Mrs. Catherine Boch, Managing Director, CeeBee Clothing
Mrs. Boch is Managing Director of a textile factory that employs 300 and produces jeans, chinos and various types of trousers for chain stores in South Africa. She participated in the 2002 AGOA Professional Internship Program in the United States. She has since supported the Embassy in outreach programs on expanding Lesotho's export portfolio under AGOA.

[1](#)D. Mr. Nkopane Monyane, Group Regional Manager, Precious Garments and P & T Garments
Mr. Monyane is regional manager for Precious Garments, a Taiwanese firm that employs 4000 and exports knit clothing to the United States under AGOA. The group has recently opened a second factory with 2,500 employees in Mafeteng, eighty miles south of the capital, Maseru. Before joining the group, Mr. Monyane was Managing Director of Lesotho Bank, a state bank that was privatized in 1999.

[1](#)E. Mrs. Lerato Majara, Manager, KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken)
Mrs. Majara has managed the franchise in Lesotho for more than ten years. It has two branches in the capital, Maseru, and plans are underway to open another one in Ladybrand, a South African town across the border from Maseru.

[1](#)F. Mr. Letuka Sephelane, Chief Executive, Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation
Mr. Sephelane has recently been appointed to head a newly-established corporation whose mandate is to coordinate tourism development in the country. He has previously served as Financial Manager with the Lesotho National Development Corporation.

[1](#)G. Mr. Edward Moghali, Managing Director, VODACOM Lesotho
VODACOM Lesotho is the first company to introduce cellular service in Lesotho. It was formed as a partnership between VODACOM South Africa and the former state enterprise, Lesotho Telecommunications Corporation, LTC. The shares owned by LTC have since been sold to a local investment group. Before heading VODACOM Lesotho, Mr. Moghali was an engineer with the LTC.

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